

HR21 Employee & Manager Self Service

Employee User Guide

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1. WHAT IS HR21

HR21 is a secure online system which will allow you to view and update your personal HR information held in the council's HR and Payroll system. This means that you can be sure that important HR information about you is always up to date.

You can also view basic job related information including payments made to you and submit an electronic request for any overtime worked and mileage and expenses incurred to your manager for approval. There is an online help function and relevant user information provided on each screen.

Details	Manager	Employee
Personal details	View	Update
Home address and contact details	View	Update
Contact details for next of kin	View	Update
Current position details	View	View
The grade of your current post	View	View
Allowances paid to you	View	View
Previous payments		View
Bank Account details		View
Your tax code		View
Last salary paid to you		View
Deductions from salary		View
Your pension contribution rate		View
Pay adjustments		View
Sick Leave	View	View
Maternity / Paternity leave	View	View
Leave for family care purposes	View	View
Overtime claims	Authorise	Update
Mileage and Expenses claims	Authorise	Update
Licence & Cert. Details	Add/Update	View

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2. PASSWORD PROTECTION

Employee Self Service is designed with security and accessibility in mind.

2.1 Password Rules

All passwords must contain at least 8 characters and a mix of alphabetical letters and special characters e.g. / * ^ & % and must end in a number.

E.g. Selfservice/9

Users can change their password whenever they wish, however passwords are only valid for 60 days and you are unable to re-use previous passwords.

2.2 Password Expiry

The system will notify you in advance of your password expiring. A message will be displayed when you log in. "Password has expired" – You must repeat the old password in the pink box then create a new password" – Access has been denied". **You must enter your old password in pink box before creating a new password.**

2.3 Locked Accounts/Password Resets

If an incorrect password is entered a message advising you of this is shown and after three attempts you will be locked out of the system. If you require to be unlocked or have forgotten your password and need your password to be reset you should email HR21 helpdesk at: HR21Queries@westlothian.gov.uk and your password will be reset.

The reset password that is sent by email from HR21 Queries is classed as your old password which should be entered in the pink box.

If you have not saved the link to your Favourites / Desktop please click on link which can be found on the email sent by HR.

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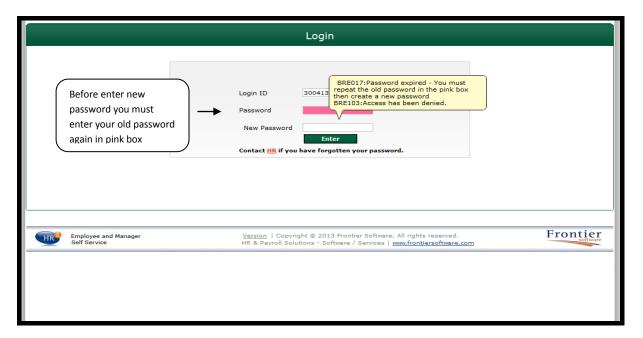
3. GETTING STARTED

You can access HR21 through My Toolkit - HR Services - Employee Self Service, or by going to https://hr21.westlothian.gov.uk/

We recommend you save this link to your Favourites or to your desktop. To add to your favourites right click on link and select copy, click on add a favourite, paste in Name and click Add. (Please note that the system can only be accessed from a PC connected to the council network)

All employees have their own unique user id, which is their employee number and you will be asked to create a password when first accessing the system.

This is the screen which will appear when you have entered the one time password issued by HR, before you create a new password you must re enter your old password in the pink box. (Passwords issued by HR are always your "old password")



Once logged in, your details will appear in the tool bar.

Do not use the back button, to navigate through screens as this will lock you out of the system. To go back to a previous screen, click on *Previously Visited Pages*.

There is an online help function and relevant user information provided on each screen.

If an incorrect action is performed an Error message will show. It is advisable to clear these messages after each incorrect action by clicking on Clear button. Some fields are mandatory and these will be highlighted in **Pink** if missed.

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This is the navigation screen, allowing you access to all areas of the system:



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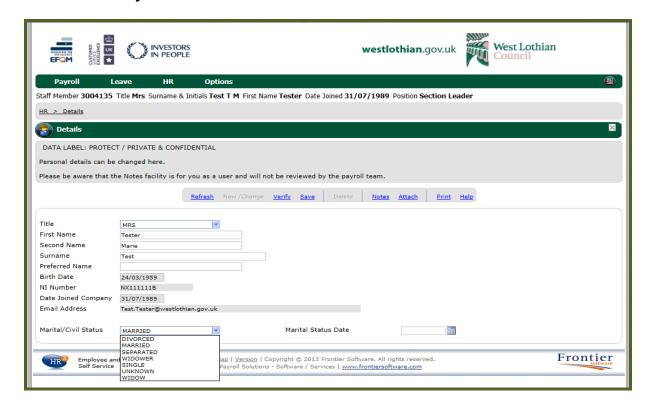
4. WHAT YOU CAN SEE AND DO

4.1 Changing your name

• Select the Details option under HR on the drop down menu

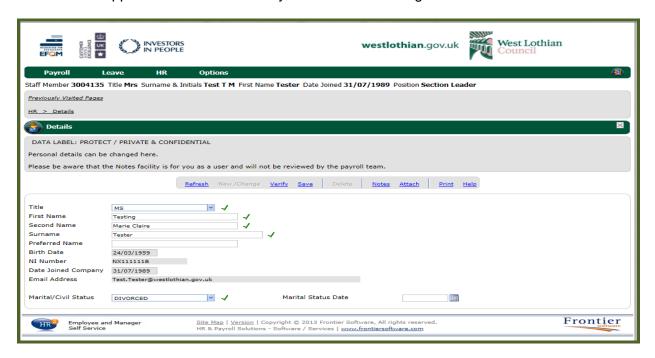


- Input your new name, marital status and date of change
- Click on verify to check the details



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• Ticks will appear in the areas where you have made changes.

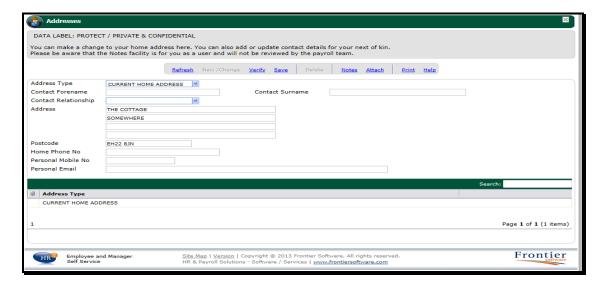


- If the changes are not correct, click refresh and the screen will revert to the original entries.
- If you are happy that these changes are correct, click **save** to update.

4.2 Changing your address and adding next of kin

If you move it is important that you advise us of your new address. You may also provide contact details of next of kin if you wish and personal mobile numbers can also be added.

- Input the new details
- Click verify to check the changes
- If you are happy that these changes are correct, click save to update.



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4.3 Submit a Claim for Overtime

Only normal overtime working can be submitted in HR21. Standby payments / Standby overtime / Call outs and Sleep Ins claims **cannot** be submitted in HR21 and these should therefore continue to be submitted in the format used prior to the introduction of HR21.

Arrangements for Payment of Overtime

Overtime at enhanced rates will only apply when 36 hours a week have been worked.

Overtime will only be paid for complete 30 minutes of work.

Employees working overtime must take a break after 6 hours, this break will be unpaid.

Employees graded Band I and over are not entitled to overtime payments.

All claims are submitted and paid a month in arrears and the deadline date for submission of approved claims is the 10th of the month. Any claims approved after the 10th of the month will be carried forward to the next pay period.

If an overtime payment does not show in your salary as you expect you should check the status of your claim by selecting Timesheet Application from the Payroll drop down menu. If the status of your claim is "Approved" but you have not received the payment this means that it was approved by your manager after the submission deadline and you will receive the payment the following month. Overtime claims which have been processed by Payroll will be visible in Timesheet History.

Submitting a Claim for Overtime

To make a claim for overtime click select the **Timesheet Application** option from the **Payroll** drop down menu.

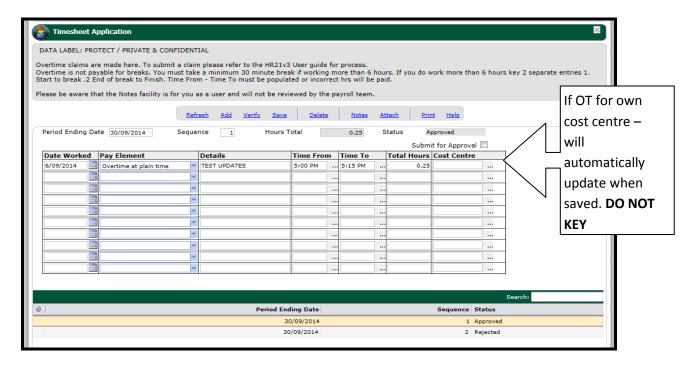


- Click Add to start claim
- **Period Ending Date** enter the last day of the month for which you are claiming overtime, e.g. for a submission of overtime worked in July the period end date would be 31/07/2014.
- **Sequence** this should be 1. If you have already submitted a claim for the month and wish to submit another claim then the next sequence number that must be used is 2. E.g. Entries keyed for 01/08/14 to 10/08/14 using sequence 1. If you wish to make another claim for 11/08/14 to 20/08/14 you must use sequence 2.
- Date Worked input the date(s) you are claiming overtime for. The system will not allow a duplicate claim to be made i.e. If you already have a claim "Holding"

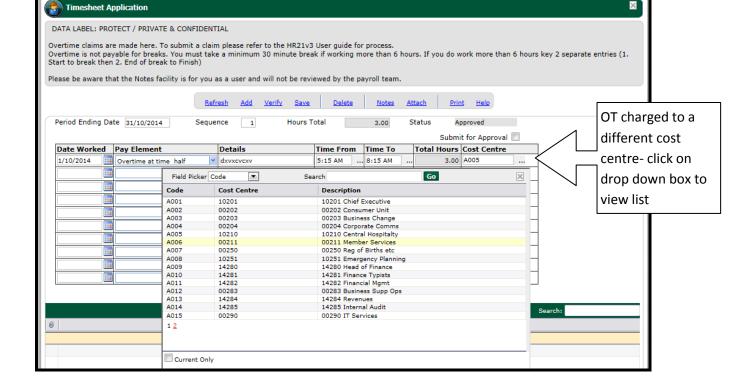
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or "Submitted" with the same dates then you will not be able to submit a further claim.

- Pay element select from the drop down box whether payment is at plain time, time
 and half or double time.
- Details Input the reason for the overtime working.
- Time from and Time To select the appropriate start and finish times remembering
 to exclude any breaks you have had. Please be aware when clicking on Time To
 you must choose a time from the drop down list, if a Time To is not chosen it
 will default to midnight and hours worked will be incorrect.
- If more than six hours overtime has been worked in one day you must key two
 entries in your claim to show a break has been taken.
- Cost Centre When you save your overtime claim this will automatically be charged
 to your own cost centre you do not have to manually key it. If it has to be
 charged to different cost centres please do as follows
 - Click on the box containing 3 dots next to the Cost Centre field
 - The dialogue box that appears contains a full list of cost centres. You have the option to search by code, cost centre or description by selecting the option you wish to use from the drop down list at the top left of the dialogue box
 - After selecting the search option, enter the details of the code, cost centre or description in the search box at the top right of the dialogue box and then double click on cost centre required to update your claim. Pease ensure the correct cost centre is used
 - Please note that not all cost centres are available in HR21 e.g. Capital Budget Codes. If you cannot find the cost centre you require please speak to your manager.



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 Once all details have been completed then select the Y in the Submit for Approval box and then click on Save.

You will receive a message to confirm that your entry has been added successfully and an email will be sent to your inbox, confirming that your claim has been forwarded to your manager for approval.

You will receive a further email advising whether your claim has been approved or rejected.

If your claim is rejected you should contact your manager in the first instance to discuss this. If your claim requires to be amended please **amend claim** and resubmit for approval by selecting Y in the Submit for Approval box and clicking Save. **Do not submit a new claim**.

Your manager must approve your claim within the 7 day escalation period (7 day period begins from the date you have submitted your claim and includes Saturday and Sunday) after this time claim will escalate to his / her manager for approval. Any claim approved after the 10th of the month will be carried forward to the next pay period.

Timesheet History

By selecting the Timesheet History option from the drop down menu you can view all overtime claims submitted and paid to you in previous salaries

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4.4 Submit a Claim for Mileage

Arrangements for Paying Mileage

Before submitting a claim for mileage, you must ensure you are authorised to use your own car for business journeys. You must have a valid Driving Licence / Insurance (which covers Business use) / MOT if applicable; if your car is not eligible for an MOT you must present your car registration document to your manager. As a new user you should also have completed an Own Vehicle Use Authorisation form.

You must present your valid documents to your manager and only your manager can update Licence & Details screen in HR21. If there are no documents recorded or if one or all of your documents are no longer valid the system will not allow you to submit a claim.

You can view the status of all of your documents by selecting the Licenses & Cert Details option from the HR drop down menu. If any of your documents are missing or require to be updated you must present your valid documents to your manager. Only your manager can update Licence & Cert screen. These documents should be reviewed on an annual basis by your manager.

Changing Your Car

If you change your car the current insurance document and MOT (if applicable) effectively become invalid. Therefore you must present your new insurance and MOT (if applicable) documents to your manager. If your car is not eligible for an MOT you must present your new car registration document to your manager.

Your manager is required to check and update Licence & Details screen in HR21 before approving any claims.

Claims for mileage and expenses must be made in accordance with the council's Business Travel and Subsistence Policy which can be found at: http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=1665&p=0

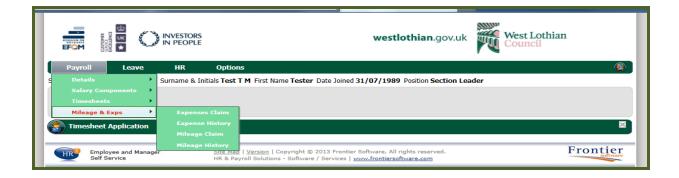
All claims are submitted and paid a month in arrears and the deadline date for submission of approved claims is the 10th of the month.

If a mileage payment does not show in your salary as you expect you should check the status of your claim by selecting Mileage Claim from the Payroll drop down menu. If the status of your claim is "Approved" but you have not received the payment this means that it was approved by your manager after the submission deadline and you will receive the payment the following month. Mileage claims which have been processed by Payroll will be visible in Mileage History.

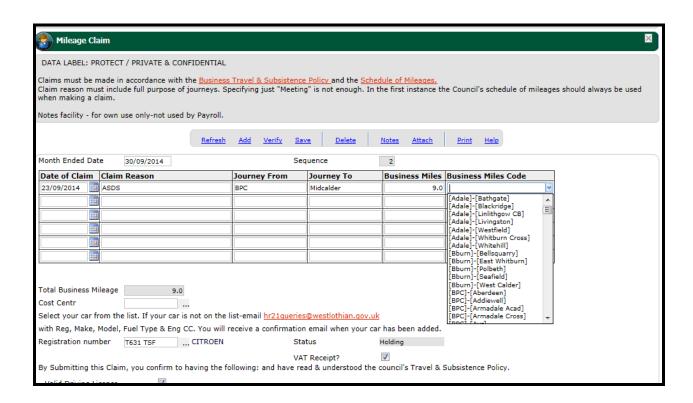
Submitting a Claim for Mileage

Select the **Mileage Claim** option from the **Payroll** drop down menu and a blank form will appear.

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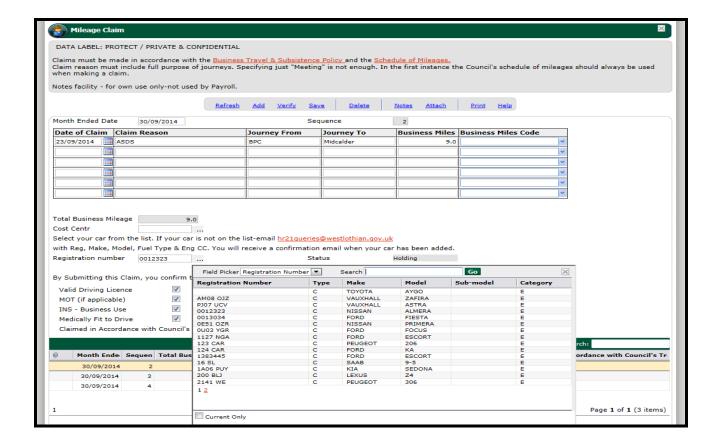


- Click Add to start a new claim
- Month Ended Date enter the last day of the month for which you are claiming mileage, e.g. for a submission for mileage incurred in August the period end date would be 31/08/2014.
- Date of Claim input the date(s) you are claiming mileage for. The system will not allow a duplicate claim to be made i.e. If you already have a claim "Holding" or "Submitted" with the same dates then you will not be able to submit a further claim.
- Claim Reason Must include a detailed account of the purpose of the journey –
 "Meeting" is not sufficient.
- Business Miles Code Click on the drop down list and select the appropriate journey.



- Journey From/Journey To Do not key anything in these fields, these will automatically update when the relevant journey is selected from the Schedule of mileages in Business Miles Code field.
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- In the first instance the Council's Schedule of Mileages should always be used but there may be rare occasions that the journey you are claiming for is not included in Schedule of Mileages if so, you can enter the details manually in the above fields.
- Cost Centre When you save your overtime claim this will automatically be charged
 to your own cost centre you do not have to manually key it. If it has to be
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- Registration Number To find your Car registration number click on the drop down box and a list of car registrations will appear. To find your own car enter your registration number in Search. If your car is not on list you must email hr21queries@westlothian.gov.uk with registration, make, model, fuel type & engine CC. You will receive a confirmation email when your car has been added.

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- Tick the boxes confirming that you have a valid VAT receipt, driving licence, MOT (if applicable) insurance for business use and own vehicle user form.
- If you have more than 6 entries for your month's submission you will need to submit a new claim for the additional entries.
- Once all details have been completed then select the Y in the Submit for Approval box then click Save.

You will receive a message to confirm that your entry has been added successfully and an email will be sent to your inbox, confirming that your claim has been forwarded to your manager for approval.

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Your manager must approve your claim within the 7 day escalation period (7 day period begins from the date you have submitted your claim and includes Saturday and Sunday) after this time claim will escalate to his/her manager for approval. Any claim approved after the 10th of the month will be carried forward to the next pay period.

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4.5 Submitting a Claim for Expenses

Arrangements for Paying Expenses

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All claims are submitted and paid a month in arrears and the deadline date for submission of approved claims is the 10th of the month.

If an expense payment does not show in your salary as you expect you should check the status of your claim by selecting Expenses Claim from the Payroll drop down menu. If the status of your claim is "Approved" but you have not received the payment this means that it was approved by your manager after the submission deadline and you will receive the payment the following month. Expense claims which have been processed by Payroll will be visible in Expense History.

Submitting a Claim for Expenses

Select the **Expenses Claim** option from the **Payroll** drop down menu and a blank form will appear



- Click Add to start a new claim
- **Month Ended Date** enter the last day of the month for which you are claiming expense for e.g. for a submission of expense incurred in August the period end date would be 31/08/2014.
- Date of Claim input the date(s) you are claiming expenses for. The system will
 not allow a duplicate claim to be made i.e. If you already have a claim
 "Holding" or "Submitted" with the same dates then you will not be able to
 submit a further claim.
- Claim Reason This must include a detailed account of the purpose of the expense.
- **Journey From/Journey To** This must include full details of journey undertaken.
- **Tick** whether the receipt has a VAT element.

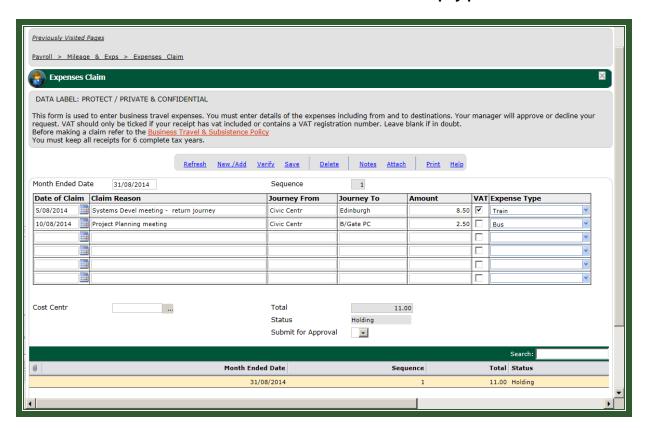
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- **Expense Type** select expense type from the drop down list.
- If you have more than 6 entries for your month's submission you will need to submit a new claim.
- Once all details have been completed then select the Y in the Submit for Approval box – then click Save.

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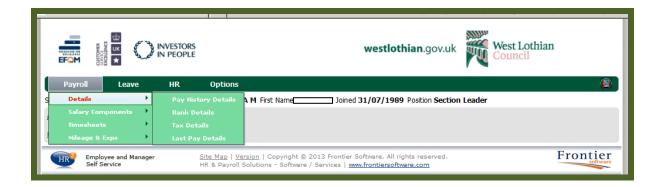
Mileage /Expense History

By selecting the mileage/expense history option from the drop down menu you can view all mileage and expense claims submitted and paid to you in previous salaries.

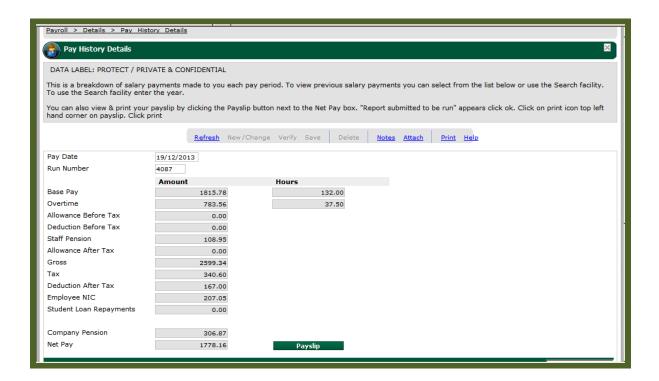
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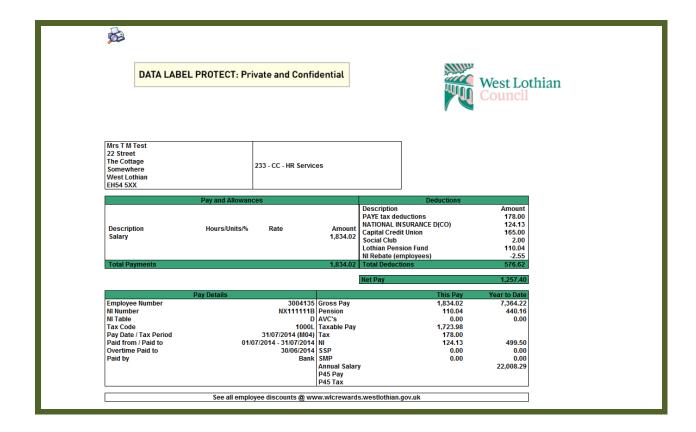
4.6 View and Print a Print Payslip

To view and print your latest payslip, select the **Pay History Details** option from the **Payroll** drop down menu.



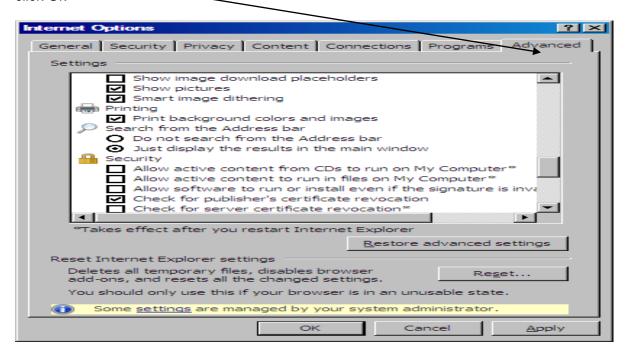
The most recent monthly pay details will appear on the screen. Your payslip is generated by clicking on the **Payslip** button.





If the council logo does not appear in the print window click on **Tools** and go to **Internet Options**

Open the **Advanced** Tab tick the **Print background colours and images** – click Apply then click Ok



4.7 View your Payroll Record

The **Payroll** option on the drop down menu is where you will find salary information.



Details

Pay History Details – provides a breakdown of previous payments made to you.

Bank Details – allows you to view your current bank details. If you wish to change your bank details then please complete a <u>Bank Details Notification Form</u> and send to HR Services. The form must be received in HR by the 10th of the month to allow for payroll to process the change in time for your salary to be paid into your new account.

Tax Details – provides information on your current tax code and national insurance number. **Last Pay Details** – allows you to view the last salary payment made to you.



Salary Components

Salary – provides details on your current grade and rate of pay. You can also view previous salary details. If you have more than one job you will only be able to view details on your main post.

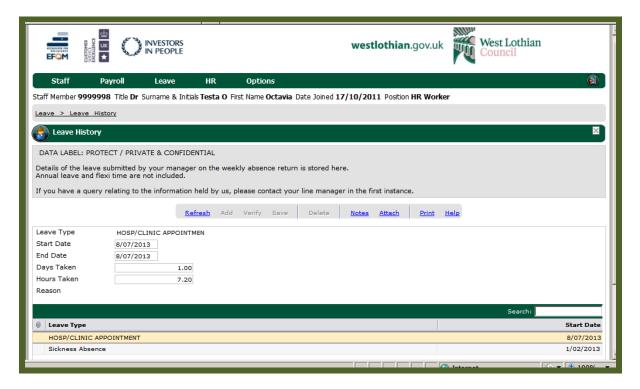
Allowances – provides details of any allowances paid e.g. shift or unsocial hours payments. **Deductions** – provides details of any deductions such as Trade Union subscription, Social Club fees etc

Pay Adjustments – provides details of expenses claimed along with any overpayments being deducted or previous underpayments being paid.

Pension – provides details of your pension contribution rates

4.8 View your Leave Record

The leave history screen provides information on any leave you may have had including sickness absence, maternity leave, strike days and any unpaid leave. Any annual leave or flexi leave will not be recorded here.



4.9 View your HR Record

Position details – provides information on your current post and previous posts with the council.



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5. HOW TO EXIT HR21

It is important to ensure that you always securely log out of the system by clicking on the door icon in the top right hand corner of the screen.



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